

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

USA,

Plaintiff (s),

v.

CALIFORNIA INSURANCE GUARANTEE
ASSO,

Defendant(s).

No. C 08-03124 JCS

**ORDER SETTING INITIAL CASE
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE AND
ADR DEADLINES**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this action is assigned to the Honorable Joseph C. Spero. When serving the complaint or notice of removal, the plaintiff or removing defendant must serve on all other parties a copy of this order, the Notice of Assignment of Case to a United States Magistrate Judge for Trial, and all other documents specified in [Civil Local Rule 4-2](#). Counsel must comply with the case schedule listed below unless the Court otherwise orders.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this action is assigned to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Multi-Option Program governed by [ADR Local Rule 3](#). Counsel and clients shall familiarize themselves with that rule and with the material entitled "Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California" on the Court ADR Internet site at www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov. A limited number of printed copies are available from the Clerk's Office for parties in cases not subject to the court's Electronic Case Filing program (ECF).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that plaintiff or removing defendant serve upon all parties the brochure entitled "Consenting To A Magistrate Judge's Jurisdiction In The Northern District Of California," additional copies of which can be downloaded from the following Internet site: <http://www.cand.uscourts.gov>.

CASE SCHEDULE -ADR MULTI-OPTION PROGRAM

Date	Event	Governing Rule
6/27/2008	Complaint filed	
9/12/2008	Last day to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> meet and confer re: initial disclosures, early settlement, ADR process selection, and discovery plan file ADR Certification signed by Parties and Counsel (form available at http://www.cand.uscourts.gov) file either Stipulation to ADR Process or Notice of Need for ADR Phone Conference (form available at http://www.cand.uscourts.gov) 	FRCivP 26(f) & ADR L.R.3-5 Civil L.R. 16-8 (b) & ADR L.R. 3-5(b) Civil L.R. 16-8 (c) & ADR L.R. 3-5(b) & (c)
9/26/2008	Last day to file Rule 26(f) Report, complete initial disclosures or state objection in Rule 26(f) Report and file	FRCivP 26(a) (1) Civil L.R. 16-9

Case Management Statement per attached Standing Order
re Contents of Joint Case Management Statement (also
available at <http://www.cand.uscourts.gov>)

10/3/2008 INITIAL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE [Civil L.R. 16-10](#)
(CMC) in Ctrm A, 15th Floor, SF at 1:30 PM

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CIVIL STANDING ORDERS FOR MAGISTRATE JUDGE JOSEPH C. SPERO
(Revised 3/21/8)

The parties shall follow the General Orders of the Court for the Northern District of California, the Local Rules, and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, except as expressly modified herein. Failure to comply with any of the rules and orders may be deemed sufficient grounds for monetary sanctions, dismissal, entry of default judgment, or other appropriate sanctions.

A. STANDING ORDER RE CALENDAR AND CONFERENCES

1. Civil Law and Motion is heard on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Counsel need not reserve a hearing date in advance for civil motions. However, noticed dates may be reset as the Court's calendar requires.

2. Criminal Law and Motion is heard on Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

3. Case Management Conferences and Pretrial Conference are heard on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. Case Management Conferences are no longer recorded unless requested by counsel or in cases where at least one party appears pro se. Requests to appear telephonically at case management conferences must be filed and served one (1) week before the conference in accordance with Civil L.R. 16-10(a).

4. In cases that are randomly assigned to Judge Spero for all purposes, a Consent to Proceed before a U.S. Magistrate Judge and a Declination to Proceed before a U.S. Magistrate Judge and a Request for Reassignment to a United States District Judge forms will be mailed to all parties. The parties are requested, within two (2) weeks from receipt of the form, to complete and file the form indicating their consent or request for reassignment to a District Judge.

5. Parties with questions regarding scheduling of settlement conferences should contact Judge Spero's secretary, Mary Ann Macudzinski-Gomez at (415) 522-3691.

6. All other scheduling questions should be addressed to Judge Spero's courtroom deputy, Karen Hom, at (415) 522-2035.

7. In all "E-Filing" cases, when filing papers that require the Court to take any action (i.e. motions, meet and confer letters, administrative requests), the parties shall, in addition to filing papers electronically, lodge with chambers a printed copy of the papers on three-hole punch paper (including

1 all exhibits) by the close of the next court day following the day the papers are filed electronically.
2 **These printed copies shall be marked “JCS Chambers Copy” and shall be submitted to the**
3 **Clerk’s Office in an envelope clearly marked with the case number, “Magistrate Judge Joseph C.**
4 **Spero”, and “E-filing Chambers Copy.” Parties shall not file a paper copy of any document with**
5 **the Clerk’s office that has already been filed electronically.**

6 8. Any proposed stipulation or proposed order in a case subject to electronic filing shall be
7 sent by mail to jcsपो@cand.uscourts.gov. This address is to be used only for proposed orders unless
8 otherwise directed by the Court.

9 **B. STANDING ORDER ON DISCOVERY DISPUTES**

10 9. In lieu of filing formal discovery motions, lead trial counsel for Plaintiff(s) and lead trial
11 counsel for Defendant(s) shall meet and confer **in person** regarding the subject matter of the Motion(s)
12 in an effort to resolve these matters. After attempting other means to confer on the issue (i.e. letter,
13 phone call, e-mail) any party may demand such a meeting on ten (10) business days’ notice. The
14 location of the meeting will alternate with the first location selected by counsel for Plaintiff, the second
15 by counsel for Defendant, etc. Within five (5) business days of the lead trial counsels’ meet-and-confer
16 session, the parties shall provide a detailed Joint Letter to the Court. This Joint Letter shall include a
17 description of every issue in dispute and, with respect to each such issue, a detailed summary of each
18 party’s final substantive position and their final proposed compromise on each issue. Upon receipt of
19 the Joint Letter the Court will determine what future proceedings are necessary.

20 10. As soon as a party has notice of this order, the party shall take such affirmative steps as
21 are necessary to preserve evidence related to the issues presented by the action, including, without
22 limitation, interdiction of any document destruction programs and any ongoing erasures of emails, voice
23 mails, and other electronically recorded material to the extent necessary to preserve information relevant
24 to the issues presented by this action.

25 11. In responding to requests for documents and materials under Fed. R. Civ. P. 34, all
26 parties shall affirmatively state in a written response served on all other parties the full extent to which
27 they will produce materials and shall, promptly after the production, confirm in writing that they have
28 produced *all* such materials so described that are locatable after a diligent search of *all* locations at

1 which such materials might plausibly exist. It shall not be sufficient to object and/or to state that
2 “responsive” materials will be or have been produced.

3 12. In searching for responsive materials in connection with Fed. R. Civ. P. 34 requests or
4 for materials required to be disclosed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1), parties must search computerized
5 files, emails, voice mails, work files, desk files, calendars and diaries, and any other locations and
6 sources if materials of the type to be produced might plausibly be expected to be found there.

7 13. To the maximum extent feasible, all party files and record should be retained and
8 produced in their original form and sequence, including file folders, and the originals should remain
9 available for inspection by any counsel on reasonable notice.

10 14. Except for good cause, no item will be received in evidence if the proponent failed to
11 produce it in the face of a reasonable and proper discovery request covering the item, regardless of
12 whether a motion to overrule any objection thereto was made.

13 15. Privilege logs shall be promptly provided and must be sufficiently detailed and
14 informative to justify the privilege. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(5). No generalized claims of privilege
15 or work product protection shall be permitted. With respect to each communication for which a claim
16 of privilege or work product is made, the asserting party must at the time of its assertion identify: (a)
17 all persons making and receiving the privileged or protected communication. (b) the steps taken to
18 ensure the confidentiality of the communication, including affirmation that no unauthorized persons
19 have received the communication, (c) the date of the communication, and (d) the subject matter of the
20 communication. Failure to furnish this information at the time of the assertion will be deemed a waiver
21 of the privilege or protection.

22 DEPOSITIONS

23 16. Absent extraordinary circumstances, counsel shall consult in advance with opposing
24 counsel and unrepresented proposed deponents to schedule depositions at mutually convenient times
25 and places. Where an agreement cannot be reached as to any party deponent or a deponent represented
26 by counsel of record, the following procedure may be invoked by the party seeking any such deposition.
27 The party seeking such a deposition may notice it at least thirty (30) days in advance. If the noticed date
28 and place is unacceptable to the deponent or the deponent’s counsel, then within ten (10) days or receipt
of the notice, the deponent or counsel from the deponent must reply and counter-propose in writing an

1 alternative date and place falling within thirty (30) days of the date noticed by the party seeking the
2 deposition.

3 17. Counsel and parties shall comply with Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(d)(1). Deposition objections
4 must be as to privilege or form only. Speaking objections are prohibited. When a privilege is claimed,
5 the witness should nevertheless answer questions relevant to the existence, extent or waiver of the
6 privilege, such as the date of a communication, who made the statement, to whom and in whose
7 presence the statement was made, other persons to whom the contents of the statement have been
8 disclosed, and the general subject matter of the statement, unless such information is itself privileged.
9 Private conferences between deponents and attorneys in the course of interrogation, including a line of
10 related questions, are improper and prohibited except for the sole purpose of determining whether a
11 privilege should be asserted.

12 **C. STANDING ORDER ON MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

13 18. Motions for summary judgment shall be accompanied by a joint statement of the material
14 facts not in dispute by citations to admissible evidence. The parties shall file a joint statement of
15 undisputed facts. If the parties are unable to reach complete agreement after meeting and conferring,
16 they shall file a joint statement of the undisputed facts about which they do agree. Separate statements
17 of undisputed facts shall not be filed and will not be considered by the Court.

18 **D. SANCTIONS**

19 19. Failure to comply with this Order of the Local Rules of this Court may result in
20 sanctions. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(f), Civil L.R. 1-4.

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22 Dated: April 21, 2008

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JOSEPH C. SPERO
United States Magistrate Judge

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**STANDING ORDER RE: CASE
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

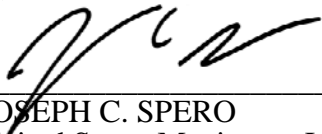
Defendant(s).

Lead trial counsel who will try this case are directed to confer in advance of the Case Management Conference with respect to all matters contained in the **March 1, 2007 Standing Order for all Judges of the Northern District of California** regarding Contents of the Joint Case Management Conference, including a **discovery plan and discovery limits** and all other matters described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(c), and 26(f) and Civil L.R. 16-10. Not less than seven (7) days before the conference, counsel shall file a Joint Case Management Conference Statement in compliance with Local Rule 16-9. If one or more of the parties is not represented by counsel (*a party appearing pro se*), the parties may file separate case management conference statements. Pursuant to Civil L.R. 16-10(a) each party shall be represented at the Case Management Conference by lead trial counsel (or a party if *in pro se*) prepared to address all of the matters referred to in this Order, and with authority to enter stipulations and make admissions pursuant to this Order.

Plaintiff(s) shall serve copies of this Order and the Court's Standing Orders at once on all parties to this action, and on any parties subsequently joined, in accordance with the provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 and 5. Following service, plaintiff(s) shall file a certificate of service with the Clerk of this Court.

1 Failure to comply with this Order, the provisions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 16
2 and 26(f) or the provisions of Civil L.R. 16-10 may be grounds for sanctions. (*See* Fed. R. Civ. P.
3 16(f), Civil L.R. 1-4.

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5 Dated: April 21, 2008



JOSEPH C. SPERO
United States Magistrate Judge